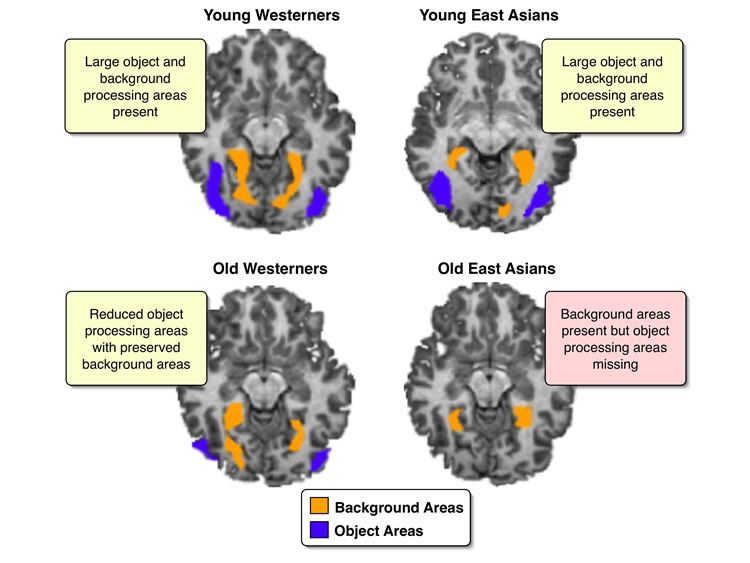
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| East | West |
| East can see the interaction | West is seeing everything sepparetly |
| Easterns see the „big picture” | Westrners brain activates more on seperate objects |
| East – peope are kind – because of behavior of the others. | West - people are kind; they see kindness of the person. |
| Easterners are connected to the environment. They see the big picture, environment behind objects. | Westerners are less connected with their environment, surroundings. They concentrate on the objects. |
| East – see yourself from outside | West – they part of the group, part of the society. |
| East – nothing exists without partner (Yin-Yang for ex.) | Westerners are more individuals |
| Easternes want to see. | Westernes want to be |
| East - outsider's prospective. relational projection - try to think what others feel. | West - insider's prospective. egocentric reaction. |
| East - objects let us see them | West - we see things |
| East: modesty; i am kind, brag with personal quality. For easterners personal skills are the most important. | Westerners are raised to be independent.capable doing things on their own; building self-confidence, self-esteem |
| East - Enjoy life, they love life | West - Love their success |

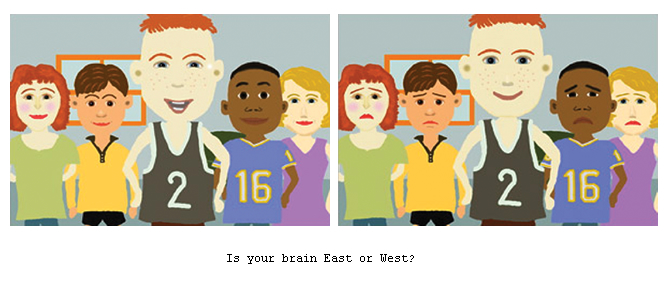
**Differences between east and west**

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This topic – differences between east and west is very interesting for me. I knew that east and west cultures are different, but I had no idea that there are so many differences in our attitude, thinking . The latest scans of the brain have showed that there are even differences in our brain activity. But I think that there is a possibility to change the way of thinking because even now we can see the changes in brain acctivity between young and old people.

I enjoyed watching these videos and I think that by knowing these differences I can choose the way of teaching in the future. One part of special education is teaching multi-cultural students. To know how to teach them i need to know the differences what are between east and west. In this table are only few of the differences what are between east and west.

There are so many things I like about East culture: at fist seeing the big picture, secondly I like that here people value personal skills instead of concentrating on ourselves. Easterners way of thinking is egocentric. We can only see ourselves in some situations, it is not easy to notice backround and reasons. I like easterners way of thinking – they concentrate on others. When something is happening with them, they see the environment and other people around them.



I liked the example from the video – westerners said that boy who is wearing shirt with number 2 is happy on both picture. Easterners told that on first picture he is happy but on secnd picture he is not happy because people around him are not happy. When I think of my friends then they never notice people around them – when you smile then you are happy, when you cry then you are unhappy. But usually we hide our feelings behind our smile. But if we observe people around us, we could see if they really are happy or not. But in big plan, westerners can’t see the background. It is quite sad that people in East concentrate more on themselves instead of noticing others.

When we talk about children – easterners mothers will make the decicion for their kids, because they know what is best for their children, but in west we are thought to fight ourselves. We have to find our own way to do things and fight for the things we want to accomplish. When teaching children from different cultures I can find different exercised for them – tasks what needs more independence to students from east and more co-operative tasks for western people.

I know that I can’t change the whole culture, but I can teach my students to see the other ways to live. I assume that many students in Estonia doesn’t know about Korean/Asian culture. Even I didn’t know much about that before coming here. And even though I had been here for 2 months before seeing these videos there were so many things what suprised me.

I want to give my experience to my students. Because like many Korean students Estonian students also can’t go abroad. I have noticed many things what are different between different generations. Younger generation is changing the way of thinking. East takes over some thoughts from west and other way around. But in my opinion it is still not enough.

I think that I can use the knowledge about these differences when I am teaching in the future. I like the way how easterners think. They see the big picture – they are not concentrated on people, they also care about the environment. When they are looking at the picture they can see the environment – other people around and they care about every detail what they see.

I can teach my students to see the big picture by finding different documentaries about east and west. Also one way to teach them to become more tolerant is to make some international program for them. For example using multimedia to have video conversation lessons. I hope that I can work together with Korean teachers/professors to work out a program to teach differences between cultures. It is easy just to talk about these things, showing this is much harder. But when bringing these differences in our classroom they can get at least small experience by themselves.